

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-7, 9-19, 22-27 and 39-43 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 8, 20-21 and 28-38 have been previously canceled. Claims 4-7, 9-15 and 17-19 are allowed. In view of foregoing amendments and following remarks, the applicants request allowance of the application.

Claims 2, 3, 16, 22-26 and 39-43 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peled *et al.* (USP 6,076,144) in view of Stepanov *et al.* (The Standard Template Library).

Claims 4-7, 9-15 and 17-19 are allowed.

Claim 27 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form.

In order to advance prosecution, claims 2, 3, 16, 22-26 and 39-43 are cancelled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 27 is rewritten into independent form in order to place the application in condition for allowance as set forth by the Examiner.

Withdrawal of the claim rejection and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

All outstanding rejections and objections have been overcome. It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is in clear condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Although not believed necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Office is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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